

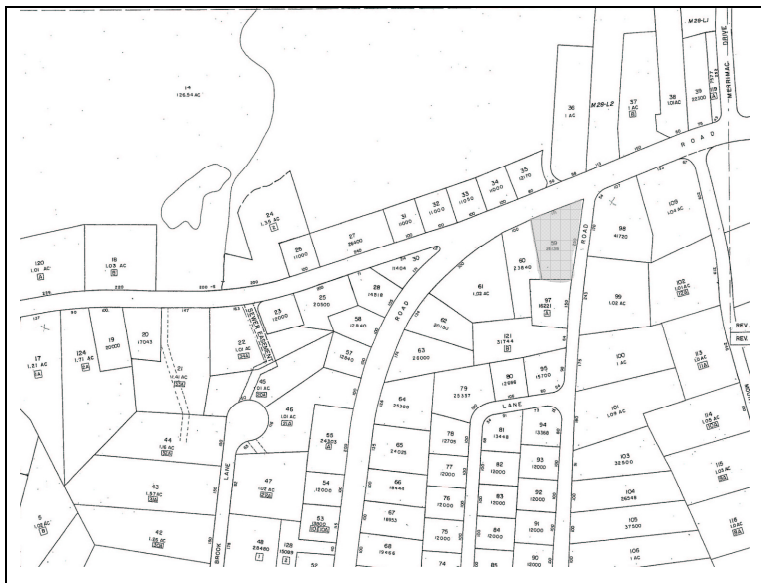
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 349 River Road

Historic Name: Jesse N Trull House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residential

Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1891

Source: Historic Maps, Style & Deed Research

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage (2nd Half 20th century)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Rear Porch (late 20th century)

Condition: Good

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.6 Acres

Setting: Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

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TEWKSBURY

349 RIVER ROAD

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The three by two bay dwelling at **349 River Road** is a two-story Italianate dwelling. The T-shaped dwelling rests on a granite foundation. Slightly altered by the application of 1/1 sash replacement windows the house retains the paired entry doors, the ornate bracket supported entry hood, flanking bay windows, and paneled corner pilasters typical of its Italianate Style. The centrally located entrance doors feature narrow arched panes of glass above a wood panel. A two-story shed roof addition projects from the rear (east) façade. A one-story screen porch is located to the rear (east) of the addition. A one-and-a-half story ell extends from the south side of the main house. The ell features second story awning windows and picture windows flanked 1/1 sash windows on either side of the first floor entry. A large hood supported by brackets projects above the entry. The roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in wood clapboards.

A garage is located to the south of the house and set into the hillside. The first floor walls of the two-car garage are constructed of cut stone. Former window openings have been infilled with concrete blocks. The asphalt shingle clad front gable roof rest on a sill plate of concrete blocks set atop the thick stone walls below. The upper walls are clad in painted clapboards. A single 6/6 sash window is located in the center of the front gable end wall.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Although Assessor's records indicate the house on the south side of River Road at the corner of Trull was built c1872, it does not appear on the 1889 Map unless it is a moved property from the opposite side of the road. It was built on land that was part of the Trull Farm probably c1891. In 1884 Benjamin Franklin and Jesse Nathaniel Trull inherited land from their father, Nathaniel Trull (1807-1884). In 1891 Benjamin Trull sold his half-interest in the lots on the south side of River Road to his brother. In 1894 Jesse N Trull sold two lots to Charles I Hood, one parcel on the east side of Trull Road and a fifty-four acre parcel on the west side of Trull Road extending west to Trull Brook.

Charles I Hood was an apothecary with a large line of medicinal products. In 1892 he began Hoods Farm. The farm started with fifteen Jersey cows and grew to 1200 acres and 350 Jersey breeding stock in 1907. In addition to breeding cattle he raised Berkshire hogs, feed crops, fruits, vegetables, and had a dairy operation. Mr. Hood died in 1923. The house was part of Hood Farm until 1926 when it was sold to George A McCormack Sr, a real estate manager from Medford. Various members of the McCormack family owned the house until 1944.

The McCormack and Deputat families, 20th century owners, do not appear to have lived in the house, living in other towns or elsewhere in Tewksbury according to street directories. The house was probably a rental property.

Owners include: Benjamin F Trull (1891); Jesse N Trull (1891-1894); Charles I Hood (1894-1918); Hood Farm Inc (1918-1926); George A & Catherine McCormack (1926-1944); Frank & Lene Clogston (1944); Walter J & Cloris Deputat (1944-1971); James J & Gail Graham (1971-1976); Robert S & Leanne McKittrick (1976-1978); Paul & Elaine Gomes (1978-1980); Paul Gomes (1985); and Paul Gomes & Norma Audy (1985-2009)

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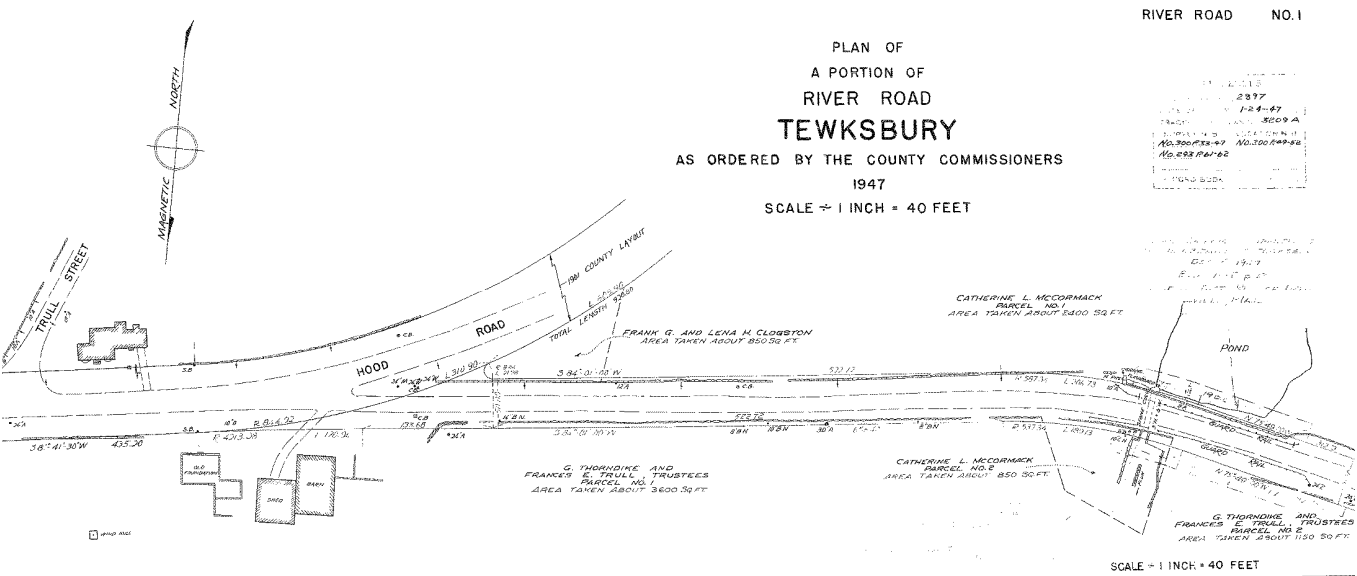
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Partial View of a Plan of Hood Farm c1922 from the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds Plan Book Volume 49 Page 61



Plan of Catherine McCormack Land on Hood and River Road c1947 Middlesex North Registry of Deeds Plan Book M Page 269